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Re: Public Records Act Request, June 10, 2019

Dear Mr. Teel:

This letter follows our prior correspondence with you regarding the request you have made under the California Public Records Act, dated June 10, 2019. You are seeking “all records in connection with the security and/or law enforcement service contracts approved by the Sonoma County Board of Supervisors for the annual retreat of the Bohemian Club for the last 14 years.” We subsequently clarified that we understand your request to refer to the Club’s annual Encampment event that occurs every July at the Club’s Bohemian Grove location in Sonoma County. Based on this clarification, the County is providing the following response to your request:

The County has publicly disclosable records that are responsive to your request. Board agenda items are published online and can be accessed via Sonoma County’s official website. Following are links to Board items for the years 2009-2019 documenting the Board’s approval of supplemental law enforcement agreements with the Bohemian Club for its annual July Encampment event at the Club’s Bohemian Grove location in Sonoma County.

- 2009: June 23, 2009 meeting; Item 55 <http://sonomacounty.ca.gov/Board-of-Supervisors/Meeting-Archive-for-2009/>
- 2010: July 13, 2010 meeting; Item 40 <http://sonomacounty.ca.gov/Board-of-Supervisors/Meeting-Archive-for-2010/>
- 2011: June 21, 2011 meeting; Item 52 <http://sonomacounty.ca.gov/Board-of-Supervisors/Meeting-Archive-for-2011/>
- 2012: June 19, 2012 meeting; Item 40 <http://sonomacounty.ca.gov/Board-of-Supervisors/Meeting-Archive-for-2012/>
- 2013: July 30, 2013 meeting; Item 44 <http://sonomacounty.ca.gov/Board-of-Supervisors/Meeting-Archive-for-2013/>
- 2014: June 10, 2014 meeting, Item 46 <http://sonomacounty.ca.gov/Board-of-Supervisors/Meeting-Archive-for-2014/>

- 2015: June 9, 2015, Item 40 <http://sonomacounty.ca.gov/Board-of-Supervisors/Meeting-Archive-for-2015/>
- 2016: June 13, 2016, Item 40 <http://sonomacounty.ca.gov/Board-of-Supervisors/2016-Meeting-Archive/>
- 2017: June 20, 2017, Item 20 <http://sonomacounty.ca.gov/Board-of-Supervisors/2017-Meeting-Archive/>
- 2018: July 10, 2018, Item 24 <http://sonomacounty.ca.gov/Board-of-Supervisors/2018-Meeting-Archive/>
- 2019: June 4, 2019, Item 16 <http://sonomacounty.ca.gov/Board-of-Supervisors/2019-Meeting-Archive/>

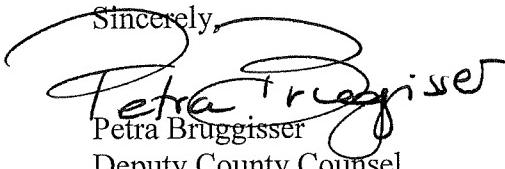
Please let us know if you have problems accessing these documents.

Board items prior to 2009, or copies of the actual agreements prior to 2015, are not available online, but can be obtained from the County. In addition, the County has additional records that may responsive to your request, such as invoices and email communications, which can be obtained from the County as well. In total, the County has identified 190 pages of records that may responsive to your request, in addition to the records that are accessible online.

Please note that records containing privileged and confidential information are exempt from public disclosure and have been redacted or withheld. Applicable exemptions are based on, but not limited to, attorney client communications / attorney work product, private and personal information, the disclosure of which would constitute an unwarranted invasion of privacy, information containing deliberative process, and records containing information where the public interest served by not disclosing the record clearly outweighs the public interest served by disclosure of the record. California Government Code § 6254(c), (k), 6255, California Evidence Code § 954, California Code of Civil Procedure § 2018.030.

If you wish to inspect the publicly disclosable, non-exempt records at County Counsel's Office, please contact us at (707) 565 2421 to make an appointment. Alternatively, if you wish to receive copies of the records, please provide payment of \$28.50 (\$0.15 per page) to pay for the direct costs of duplication pursuant to California Government Code § 6253(b).

Please let us know if you have any questions or concerns.

Sincerely,

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